



Lawrence
#20
1.10.03

PATENT
1884-39D (81841.0019)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

George Shibata

Serial No: 09/335,363 ✓

Filed: June 17, 1999 ✓

For: SAMPLE LEADING AND
HANDLING INTERFACE TO
MULTIPLE CHEMISTRY
ANALYZERS

Art Unit: 1743 ✓

Examiner: Bex, Patricia K. ✓

I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States
Postal Service with sufficient postage as
first class mail in an envelope addressed
to:

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231, on

December 13, 2002

Date of Deposit

Wei-Ning Yang, Reg. No. 38,690

Name

Signature

Date
12/13/02

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Box RCE
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the
Commissioner for a one-month extension of time extending to December 30, 2002,
the period for response to the Final Office Action dated August 30, 2002. A check
for \$110 is enclosed. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account
No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

12/20/2002 SDENB081 00000060 09335363 ✓

02 FC:1251

110.00 OP

Date: December 13, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

HOGAN & HARTSON L.L.P.

By

Wei-Ning Yang
Wei-Ning Yang

Registration No. 38,690

Attorney for Applicant(s)

500 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1900
Los Angeles, California 90071
Phone: 213-337-6700
Fax: 213-337-6701

RECEIVED

DEC 23 2002

TC 1700